



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive disorder of the central nervous system that affects movement for which there is currently no cure; and
- WHEREAS: More than one million people in the United States are currently living with Parkinson's disease, and an additional 50,000 to 60,000 individuals are diagnosed each year; and
- WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control, Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms of Parkinson's Disease vary from case to case but can include tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity, difficulty with balance and speaking, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood disorders, and sleep difficulties; and
- WHEREAS: Increased efforts and awareness are necessary to advance treatments, medications, programs, and services to help those impacted by Parkinson's disease; and
- WHEREAS: Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month provides an opportunity to spotlight the need for a cure, while we also recognize those caring for their fellow citizens with Parkinson's disease; and
- WHEREAS: For more than 55 years, the American Parkinson Disease Association has provided support for individuals affected by Parkinson's disease through research, patient and family services, education and sponsorship of local chapters, information and referral centers, and support groups; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and recognize the Georgia Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association for its efforts to promote awareness and improve the quality of life for those living with Parkinson's disease.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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